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Patterson bills establish Medical savings accounts *Plymouth surgeon and author key to legislative package*

Lansing – Income tax deductions for preventative health care services will be available and a new medical savings account will be created under a package of bills being introduced next week by Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton).

In addition, the bills will allow for a Single Business Tax or Income Tax credit for contributions to a medical savings account.

“It’s time to put the power for health care where it belongs, in the hands of the people,” Patterson said. “Lives will be saved when people know they can use tax-deferred funds for preventative measures such as mammograms, well-baby checks, and annual physicals.”

Senator Patterson serves as Vice-Chair of the Michigan Senate Health Policy Committee. His constituent, Dr. David Janda of Plymouth, Michigan, is the author of Awakening of a Surgeon. According to Patterson, this book and conversations with Dr. Janda have been instrumental in the development of this legislative package and his work on the committee. “Dr. Janda and colleagues like him are a testament to their profession,” said Patterson. “He has identified a problem, researched it, and offered a solution. I look forward to the consideration of this approach by the Michigan Senate and I’m proud to offer it to my colleagues.”

Dr. David Janda is encouraged by the response of his own state Senator. “Senator Patterson has taken my work to heart,” said Janda. “Medical savings accounts will change lives as people take control of their health care and how they get it. As our population ages, the cost of health care increases. This is an important way we can help control it.”

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